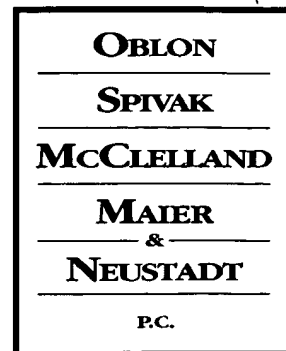




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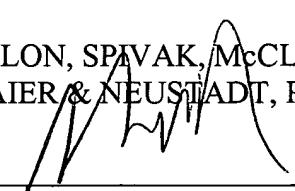
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In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2006 Applicants herein elect the apparatus claims group I.

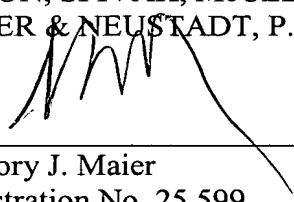
Applicants traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement as the outstanding Restriction Requirement has not established that an undue burden would be required if the Restriction Requirement was not issued and if all the claims were examined together. More particularly, MPEP §803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

In the present application any search of the elected claims would also include the classes and subclasses appropriate for searching the other claims, and so then would be no undue burden if all of the claims were examined together.

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